UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Post-war Reconstruction Officer.

155. MR. V. K. VERGHEESE (*Pathanamthitta III—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Political and General be pleased to state the names, pay, functions and duties of:

(*a*) the Postwar Reconstruction officer,

(*b*) the Industrial Liaison Officer, and

(*c*) three Art Advisers to the Government?

HONOURABLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI:

(*a*) The post has been abolished (The functions of the Officer when the post was in existence was to advise Government on matters relating to Postwar Reconstruction. His pay was Rs. 1,200 per mensem).

(*b*) Functions and duties are:

(i) to keep a close watch over Government's interests in the various industrial concerns which are owned by Government and in which Government have made investments,

(ii) to function as an ex-officio Director in the Boards of management of these concerns,

(iii) to advise the management as well as the Government as to the efficient working of the different concerns.

The pay of the post is Rs. 1,200 per mensem. Mr. C. Kumara Das, Secretary to Government is doing the duties of the Industrial Liaison officer. He is not being paid any remuneration for this work now.

(*c*) There was only one Art Adviser to Government. He was given only an allowance of Rs. 300 and his term expired on 32-12-1123.

His functions and duties were to render advice to Government on matters relating to Art in General and to Art institutions in the State such as the Sri Chitralayam, Government Museum, etc.

The Art Adviser referred to was Dr. J. H. Cousins.

Construction of a bridge over the Achenkoil river.

156. MR. V. K. VERGHEESE (*Pathanamthitta III—General*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works enquire into the possibilities of constructing a bridge over the Achenkovil river at Kaipattoor and another bridge at Kumpzha?

HON'BLE MR. K. R. ELANKATH: An investigation has already been conducted but, in view of the high cost involved, the works have to wait for better times.

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